opening up new employment opportunities for the youth; and

(b) if so, the outline and the salient features of the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) In the 8th Five-Year Plan which is yet to be finalised, a major thrust is intended on expansion of productive employment opportunities in all sectors of the economy.

Closure of fertilizer units for want of raw materials

*276. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several fertilizer plants have been closed and some are on the verge of closure for want of raw materials; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking for the smooth running of the fertilizer units ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) Several fertilizer plants have been closed for want of raw materials.

(b) The Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC) has been authorised to import phosphoric acid and ammonia for the fertilizer industry for the period April-September, 1990. Contracts for 50,000 tonnes of ammonia for prompt shipment have been finalised. Discussions have been initiated with the USSR for import under the Trade Plan.

Quotations for the purchase of phosphoric acid have been received by MMTC and commercial negotiations are in progress. Shipments would commence as soon as the contracts have been concluded.

Setting up of Statutory Board for water Supply and Sewage disposal in Delhi

*277. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up an autonomous Statutory Board for water supply and sewage disposal in Delhi;

(b) if so, by when the said Board is likely to be set up; and

(c) what specific measures Government propose to take so that the Board would meet the requirements of the expanding Metropolis ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) Committee on the Reorganisation of Delhi set up has in its Report recommended the constitution of an autonomous body in place in Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking. The recommendation of the Committee is being examined by the Government and it is not possible to indicate a time frame within which decision may be taken.

Both long term and short term measures have been taken to increase and augment water supply in Delhi to meet the future requirements of the Capital City.

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*278. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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